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PHOTO OF THE WEEK Some asshole in a White Sox hat at the football game

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As you may have heard, the bookstore is organized alphabetically now.

WE ASKED...

## What do you think of how the bookstore is organized?

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"Not a fan. I don't mind it, but it could be better."

**Alexandra Joseph** ARTS IV

"I get why they did it, but it can be confusing."

**Anu Joshee-Arnal** ALES IV

"I haven't had to buy textbooks this semester. I haven't actually been in the bookstore. I try to avoid it because it's insane."

**Michael Steer** ENG II

"I first thought it was kind of annoying and stupid how it was laid out, but it makes sense because if you have more than one class that requires the same textbook, sorting it by class doesn't make sense anymore."

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## Researchers make rescue at right place, right time

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When they set out from Fernie, B.C., Jonathan Ruppert and Tanya Rudolfsen were expecting an ordinary day of examining temperature recording boxes on the Flathead River. Instead, they might have saved a life.

Rudolfsen, a master's student in conservation biology, and Ruppert, a postdoctoral research associate in the same lab, were about two hours from Fernie on a disused logging road. Rudolfsen and Ruppert, whose research involves the sculpin fish, were about 50 metres from the site of a water temperature monitoring box when they spotted a man off to the side of the road.

The man, who was holding a foil emergency blanket over his head, began walking towards the research truck. Even from a distance, Rudolfsen could tell he was in some form of distress.

"He walked towards us, but it was in a really zig-zagging, unsteady manner," Rudolfsen said.

Upon talking to the man, the two researchers discovered that he was a hunter, who had been separated from his party and lost for more than a day and a half without food.

**"We were planning on being in that spot for literally five minutes. If we had wandered off ... we could have missed him."**

JONATHAN RUPPERT  
GRADUATE STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

"(Ruppert) gave the man, whose name was Garth, a spare Gatorade we had in the truck," Rudolfsen said. "After that, he became much more aware and communicated

more easily."

After explaining to the researchers that he had been trying to signal a search and rescue plane when he saw their truck, the hunter and researchers motioned to the plane in an effort to call off the search.

"We found out that he was pre-diabetic," Ruppert said. "When we found him, he was in really bad shape. I (as a non-diabetic) might be able to last for days in the wilderness with only water, but when we found him, he probably had 12 to 24 hours left."

The researchers proceeded to give the man first aid for exposure and low blood sugar, and drove him the two hours back to his home in Fernie. Once there, they waited until they had ensured the search and rescue party was called off and the hunter was safe.

The part of the day Ruppert remembered most vividly, however, was how close they were to not

finding the man.

"We were planning on being in that spot for literally five minutes," Ruppert said. "If he had wandered off or we had covered that site the day before, we would have missed him."

**"If we didn't have the training, first aid supplies, food or spare gas that we did, the situation might have turned out differently."**

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By the time they discovered him, the hunter reported only being able to be active for 30 minutes at a time before having to rest at least two hours. The seriousness of the situation hit home for both

the researchers, but so did the knowledge that they were prepared for just such an incident.

"We realized while helping him that U of A field students are super well prepared to handle these situations," Ruppert said. "If we didn't have the training, first aid supplies, food, or spare gas that we did, the situation might have turned out differently."

Both Rudolfsen and Ruppert also pointed out how the situation highlights the importance of thinking about safety how situations can take a turn for the worse. Despite the ordeal and the whirlwind of media coverage that has followed, Rudolfsen said she was glad the situation turned out the way it did.

"When we left him, we realized that it was a really feel-good moment," Rudolfsen said. "We helped someone who really needed it and could have been in a really bad place had we not."



**RESEARCH RESCUERS** Grad students Tanya Rudolfsen and Jonathan Ruppert were camping in Fernie when they came across a dehydrated hunter who was stranded for a day and a half.

SUPPLIED — TANYA RUDOLFSEN

## Stepping up Syrian refugee relief efforts

**Jamie Sarkonak**

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Syrian students in crisis will be on their way to Edmonton as soon as Winter 2016.

Last week, the University of Alberta announced the President's Award for Refugees and Displaced Persons on Sept. 8, which is to be awarded to up to ten Syrian refugee students. The award covers the tuition and living costs of those accepted.

An estimated 4 million Syrian refugees are currently registered with the United Nations with many more likely unregistered. With the announcement of the award, U of A President David Turpin invited all other Canadian universities to take on similar initiatives. Though taking only ten students may seem small in comparison to the scope of the crisis, the cumulative effect of all universities taking refugee students would be significant, Turpin said.

"No one country, or institution, can itself make a difference," Turpin said. "It's only when we stand together as a community of nations where we all reach out and take

some of the refugees.

The awards are open to both graduate and undergraduate students. Criteria for eligibility have yet to be released.

The U of A has supported student refugees in the past with the World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Through WUSC, one refugee student is sponsored to attend the U of A. Turpin said he wanted to continue refugee support in the wake of the Syrian crisis.

Education outcomes are critical in social and economic integration into Canada, and may mean the difference between being productive or dependent in the Canadian economy, said a U of A report.

"This is a country that has in part built up by waves upon waves of immigration, and many of those immigrants are refugees," Turpin said. "Universities have played a big role in helping them land and helping them start new lives."

Students' Union President Navneet Khinda said the U of A's final goal should be 'uplifting of the whole people,' and the President's Award achieves this goal.

"I am a proud U of A student knowing that our community is doing what we can for displaced Syrian people," she said in a press release.

Some students have expressed they don't feel the award isn't helping those currently enrolled at the U of A. Turpin responded that reaching out to refugees will build the International Student community to help all students appreciate the world's complexity. Turpin said he doesn't subscribe to the idea that the only people who merit support from the U of A are its current students.

"I think the most important thing is that we reach out and show that Canadians are compassionate," he said.

Student refugees and institutions are already expressing interest in the awards, and the university will be setting up programs for background checks of those interested in the months ahead, Turpin said.

"One of the things we can never forget is we're talking about individuals," he said. "The transformative effect that we can make of an individual's life is something we should never forget."



**SAVING SYRIANS** Syrian refugees will be awarded U of A scholarships in 2016.

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**BIRDIE BONK** A research project is looking at ways to prevent birds from crashing into windows, such as the above. SUPPLIED — D. KENDALL

# Preventing bird-window collisions

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Those living in older, treed neighbourhoods are bound to have a variety of backyard visitors. Sometimes they're cute, but they're also the source of that occasional "thud" coming from the window.

This problem is the focus of the Birds and Windows project, an ongoing study from the Department of Biological Sciences. Unlucky birds crash into windows all the time — it's the second biggest human-caused killer of birds in Canada after cats. The project's goals are to find the number of affected birds and how this number can be reduced.

Birds and Windows obtains its data from field experiments and surveys. Studies have shown that 90 per cent of collisions happen in residential windows, meaning help from residents was needed. Graduate student Justine Kummer, whose master's thesis is on Birds and Windows, enlisted the help of homeowners from people around the world as well as in Edmonton.

Kummer said the project is made possible through citizen science.

"I've learned a lot about working with people," she said. "My project's relied entirely on it."

Birds and Windows was initially launched online as a survey, open to anyone around the world. It asks residents to check the perimeter of their house and report any bird fatalities. It also asks for information about the participant's residence and any bird attractants around it, such as feeders.

Citizen science has allowed for Kummer to gather lots of data, but it still comes with challenges, she said. It's difficult to determine whether protocol is being followed by all participants. To keep data consistent, daily reporting of bird deaths — or lack thereof — was ideal. Kummer said she had to hope and trust participants.

Some local survey participants later became part of more involved experiments. The most recent one studied how bird feeders influence collisions. Kummer set up feeders with the help of 43 homeowners at different distances from windows, to find how distance from windows impacts the number of bird fatalities.

She found that placing feeders further away from windows resulted in more collisions. In other words, the closer the feeder to the window, the better.

Feeders increase bird traffic

around houses, but Kummer found that this isn't a big factor in collisions. The survey is still going, so researchers can't yet say how building types and bird attractants affect mortality.

Kummer started researching birds in a Biological Sciences lab as a volunteer after completing her Bachelor of Science. She was then employed in the lab, and started her Master's.

"I didn't know it when I was an undergrad, but there are so many opportunities for people to volunteer in labs," Kummer said. "It's a great way to get experience and see if you like (research) and a good way to make connections."

She now supervises her own volunteers.

Kummer is in her last semester and finishing with her thesis, but the project is ongoing.

For Kummer, her favourite bird to see around Edmonton is the chickadee, which seem to be more resilient against residential windows.

"A lot of the little guys will just hit a window and bounce off and fly away," she said. "It just makes me laugh."

People can still become a part of the survey at [birdswindows.biology.ualberta.ca](http://birdswindows.biology.ualberta.ca).

# AB pharmaceutical alliance to lighten drug procedures

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For students, filling prescriptions every month or after an unexpected illness can be a significant financial burden. The pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) might lighten that load.

Dean Eurich, Associate Professor at the School of Public Health, said the pCPA was created to streamline the process by which prescription drugs are approved for coverage under provincial healthcare plans.

"Historically, the manufacturer would go to every province separately and try to negotiate that agreement," Eurich said. "Through this pCPA, they are trying to band together as a larger group, talk it over with manufacturers as a whole, and then hopefully get better pricing out of it as well."

The pCPA was established in 2015 and recently underwent a study of data collected from all participant provinces. The three primary goals of possibly streamlining the process include identifying which drugs are covered by provincial health care systems, decreasing the time it takes these drugs to reach patients and providing more affordable medications via bulk were investigated.

The study concluded that the pCPA has not made major improvements in time taken to bring drugs to patients or the number of drugs on the provincial formulary, the list of medicines available. Despite this, Eurich said that change is coming.

"If we look at the last year or so of

data, the process has become more streamlined, and the drugs are coming out faster and more consistently across the provinces," Eurich said. "Also, (the pCPA) have reported that they have saved consumers over \$80 million through improved negotiation, if that's accurate, it's a great thing for consumers."

The list of pharmaceuticals which are subsidized by the provincial healthcare system. For Eurich, expanding the formulary, is key to improvement of care for all.

"Those decisions at the provincial level trickle down to private plans," Eurich said. "If you want to have the best drugs covered by your student plan, for example, the best thing for it is to have it covered by the formulary."

Once drugs are subsidized at some level by various coverage providers, the out-of-pocket cost to patients is reduced, thereby lessening the impact of chronic or unexpected health issues on sufferers. For Eurich, the pCPA needs more time to improve its methodology before final judgment on it is rendered.

"I would hope that in another three to five years, someone does this study again and sees a real improvement in how we get drugs to consumers," Eurich said. "I'd like to see that whole process streamlined, because right now there is a lot of bureaucracy in the system of getting drugs to market and into the hands of clinicians."

Though it has not yet achieved all of its initial aims, the pCPA aims to provide improved drug access for all of its members, Eurich added.



**DISPENSING DRUGS** The pCPA could streamline drug distribution. PHOTOGRAPH BY NAME

# Students criticise U of T's "inadequate" response to anonymous threats

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The University of Toronto has increased its police presence across all three of its campuses following an anonymous comments section post on a blogTO article encouraging readers to shoot U of T feminists.

The comments, which have since been removed, include the user's assertion that feminists and professors who teach Women and Gender Studies (WGS) or Sociology classes at the university should be shot. The user also recommended sources for acquiring a gun to carry out such an act.

Students in Women and Gender Studies classes received an email on Sept. 12 outlining the increased security measures being implemented as a result of the threats.

"WGS and the university are putting in place a security plan for each class, and next week's classes will only be held if instructors are satis-

fied with these efforts," a portion of the email read.

"Such measures might include having uniformed or plainclothes security personnel outside or inside classes, the requirement that everyone have a U of T photo ID to enter class, or any other measure we believe is necessary to ensure that students feel they can safely come to class next week."

"I am not overly concerned for my safety but do feel that an emergency preparedness plan should be initiated by U of T in the unthinkable event that something does occur," Esther Saunders, a fourth-year WGS student, said. "It should outline what they students and faculty should know such as locations of best exits, best actions to evade a potential disaster."

Many students first heard about the threats from an email sent out by U of T provost Cheryl Regehr. The email acknowledged the comments, but did not specify that that

feminists and staff and students in particular departments were targeted. Additionally, recent reports have indicated that similar threats surfaced in June on the same website, and that the administration failed to inform the students or staff.

"I feel this should have been taken more seriously by the university, and more disclosure should have been given to students, especially those at risk," Mary O'Brien\*, a WGS, international relations, and political science student, said.

O'Brien said she was dissatisfied with the administration's response to the threats.

"I am appalled that the University would not inform people (specifically, someone in my circumstances for example) when ANYONE [sic] who identifies as a woman and/or participates in a WGS or Sociology Program is at risk," she said.

Camilla Smith, a second-year life sciences student minoring in WGS, agreed with O'Brien.

"I think the provost's response was incredibly inadequate," she said. "The fact that they failed to mention the specificity of the threats puts the targets of the threats in danger by not letting them know that they are the targets."

680 News reported that Toronto Police services do not consider the comments online to be a credible threat.

"It's upsetting to hear comments from students at U of T who are not WGS students or feminists because they aren't taking the threats seriously, saying 'something like this would never happen at U of T, we're perfectly safe' and by saying that they are making light of what has the potential to become a national tragedy," Smith said of people not taking the issue seriously.

"The reality is that as much as we claim to be a progressive and tolerating [sic] society, it is incidents such as these that prove otherwise," said Zahra Vaid, the academic and

student liaison for the Women and Gender Studies Union. Vaid spoke to the problem of violence against women not being treated as a serious issue and said that such violence has become normalized. "The recurring phrase that I heard was that this issue was being blown out of proportion by none other than feminists, because 'that is what they do.'"

"This issue is not just about a threat made to the university. It is so much bigger," Vaid said.

Many groups, both student and local, have released statements condemning the threats including the U of T president's office, the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU), the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, the Canadian Union of Public Employees 3902, and blogTO.

Iris Robin is the news editor for The Varsity, the official student newspaper of the University of Toronto.





REMEMBERING THE WAR The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (above) and lecture organizer David Marples (below).

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# 70 years after Hiroshima

Faculty of Arts to host conference, Hiroshima atom bomb survivor on Sept. 25 to 26

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Most undergrads only remember the threat of atomic warfare through Cold War films and high school classes. This weekend, an on-campus conference will give the opportunity to hear from a more diverse array of perspectives.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima disaster, which will be remembered Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26 by the University of Alberta's Faculty of Arts, who is hosting an international conference on Japan and the atom bomb.

"Seventy Years After Hiroshima: Conceptualizing Nuclear Issues in Global Contexts" will have speakers from abroad and U of A.

The purpose of "Seventy Years After Hiroshima" is to expose attendees to many issues in nuclear technology. Topics cover the bombing and aftermath of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, the development of nuclear weapons during the Cold War, and peace campaigns against them. Present day topics such as nuclear meltdowns and medicine use are covered as well.

Holding "70 Years After Hiroshima" at the University of Alberta is a way to promote Asian studies, Director of Prince Takamado Japan Centre and lecture organizer Aya Fujiwara said. Campus has many international students from Asia, and university classes usually cover European and North American topics, as opposed to Asian subject matter.

"We want to focus on what lessons Japan can give to the world," Fujiwara said. "Ironically, Japan is the only nation that experienced catastrophe caused by the atomic bomb. At the same time, it's one of the few countries that experienced a nuclear accident."

Lecturers include keynote speaker Ritsuko Komaki, a radio oncologist at the University of Texas. Komaki's life has always been connected to radiation, through life and career. Born in 1944, she was an infant in Osaka at the time of the bombings. The majority of her family lived in Hiroshima, making the disaster impactful on her life. Komaki's family moved to Hiroshima when she was four, so her early life was spent in the reconstruction era. She later went on to study radiation oncology and use the atom for medical purposes, which she will speak on, as well as her experience of living post-atomic bomb.

In the near future, society won't be able to hear the first-person accounts of living in the direct aftermath of an atomic bomb, Fujiwara said.

"Anyone born in 1945 is already 70, so generational change is happening," she said. "Probably, for the 80th and 90th anniversaries, nobody who actually experienced the bomb will be left."

Other lecturers from abroad include professor Osamu Ieda of Hokkaido University, who will be speaking about the aftermath of the Chernobyl and Fukushima nuclear disasters, and Noriyuki Kawano of Hokkaido University,

who will speak on the discrimination towards those afflicted by atomic bombs.

Many institutions often go outside their campus to hold events like this to get a larger audience, Fujiwara said.

"If we have resources at the U of A, but don't have the conference at the U of A, we're almost losing the opportunity, especially for students, to be involved," she said.

Though the bombings occurred in August of 1945, "70 Years After Hiroshima" is held in the fall to make it more accessible for students. The conference will hopefully get students to think about where they are, both locally and globally, Department Chair of History and Classics David Marples said.

"Seventy Years After Hiroshima" brings Japanese perspective to a topic largely known through Eurocentric film — stories of the United States saving a million citizens. In reality, Japan had an army of 32,000 active military and was unlikely to kill so many people," Marples said. "The North American perspective on the topic tends to be skewed."

"We know a lot about the American side of this," he said. "We don't really hear the Japanese side at all."

Students are encouraged to attend, and those registered will be served free lunch. Lectures and panels will take place in Telus Center from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM on Friday and 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday.

Students can register at events.gobigevent.com/events-web-public/event/start.



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# Changes to environmental law could affect human health

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One of the most “transformative moments” in David Boyd’s life was the week he found out his wife was pregnant.

In 2005, Boyd and his wife, Margot Venton, realized they were going to be parents. Boyd, an environmental lawyer and author, had published several books which examined the conservation of biological diversity and protection of wilderness by that time. But in the same week he was made aware of Venton’s pregnancy, he read a research report which investigated blood samples from maternal cords of newborn infants. What he read next became the basis for his next book, *Cleaner, Greener, Healthier: A Prescription for Stronger Canadian Environmental Laws and Policies*.

The report found that hundreds of topical industrial chemicals, such as pesticides, heavy metals, flame retardants and plasticizers were found in the blood sample — a “real witch’s brew of everything in society,” the new father thought.

“That was a real sobering discovery,” Boyd said. “It’s been a 10 year voyage of discovery, and since then, I’ve learned a lot of things that horrify me, and some things that make me hopeful.”

Boyd’s focus shifted towards looking at the connection between environmental degradation and human health.

It’s also the topic of his lecture, “Should we have the legal right to a healthy environment?” hosted by the University of Alberta’s Centre for Constitutional Studies at the Faculty of Law and the Parkland Institute on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

**Q: What is the main idea of *Cleaner, Greener, Healthier*?**

**A:** This book is actually how the weakness of Canadian environmental law is contributing to a tsunami of adverse health affects in this country. This comes as a real shock to most Canadians. All of the expert evidence suggests there are tens of thousands of premature deaths in Canada because of exposure to environmental hazards. Millions of cases of preventable deaths and billions of dollars of health care money is being wasted on preventable adverse affects.

This book lays out the evidence of what are those environmental affects on human health, how much is this costing us as a country, how unfairly are those impacts distributed and why are our laws so far behind other western industrialized countries.

The book concludes with a blueprint for what future governments who are actually interested in protecting human health and the environment can do to move us from a laggard internationally to a world leader.

**Q: Realistically, when do you think these changes you suggest could be implemented?**

**A:** The book has a short and long term blueprint. The short term blueprint can be implemented right away from governments such as the new Alberta government under Rachel Notley. There’s a lot of things Canada can do in short order to put together what I describe as a National Environmental Health Action Plan, which every other industrialized western country



**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR** David Boyd will be delivering a lecture on how healthy law could impact the environment. CHRISTINA VARVIS

has, but Canada does not. This would set up a research budget, a national monitoring system, which would immediately take steps to strengthen these Canadian environmental laws and policies which are so far behind that of countries such as the United States, Australia and the European Union.

We can make progress that’s rapid and makes economic benefits that dwarfs the costs. Often people

say, “what about the cost of environmental laws?” If you consider the health benefits of those environmental laws, than those health benefits are far larger than the economic costs of stronger regulations.

**Q: One thing you want people reading the book or going to the lecture to walk away with?**

**A:** The message that Canada has

fallen behind other countries in terms of protecting our health and environmental hazards, but we have the tools, knowledge and capability to catch up and be a world leader in this field.

*The Right to a Healthy Environment will take place in the Telus Centre (room 150) at 7:00 p.m.*

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Direct democracy grants autonomy

CANADIANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE GETTING READY TO experience something that only happens every few years: democracy.

Soon, we can all head to the polls and choose which of the four — ok, let's face it, only three of them have a shot — candidates we want to have decide our country's fate. During the election, these candidates will promise to represent us well in Ottawa. Once they're actually there, they'll fall in line with the rest of their party which will vote as one big block on whatever issue comes up.

That's representative democracy, and that's how it works in most democratic countries around the world. All decisions ultimately come down to what the 338 members of parliament decide. That's about 100,000 citizens to each MP, although it depends on the riding. Yes, citizens can present petitions and calls for action to their representatives. Yes, they can protest for their causes, gather their friends, and write their MPs, but it's all pointless if a representative isn't willing to vote against their party.

I'm fortunate to hold dual-citizenship in Canada and Switzerland and I've participated in both political systems. Switzerland is the closest thing the world has to direct democracy, and laws passed by parliament may be challenged by any citizen. If they gather 50,000 signatures, the law is put to referendum. Similarly, if a citizen wants to introduce an amendment to the Constitution, they need to gather 100,000 signatures to start a referendum. The government may also offer a middle-ground counter-proposal, which is voted on the same day as the citizen-proposed one.

There are some common arguments against direct democracy. Those that wouldn't trust their fellow citizens to make decisions are terrified of it. I would argue that this is undemocratic thinking, and that the Swiss system's addition of some representative democracy adds checks and balances to both branches to make sure power isn't being misused. Some argue that direct democracy isn't possible with a large population, but this is also not an issue. I get letters with codes to vote online in Swiss referendums, so it wouldn't be that farfetched to make an entirely digital voting system. The campaigning parties are making much more expensive proposals than that.

Realistically, Canada isn't moving to a direct democracy anytime soon. Instead of voting for issues, we'll continue to vote for bundles of issues represented by parties. I've looked at all of the major parties, and a few of the minor ones, and there isn't a single one that I agree on all points with. Every online vote compass and political party picker tells me I like the NDP and Liberals about 60 per cent, the Conservatives about 40 per cent and the rest don't matter anyway. It reminds me of the Conservative omnibus budgets many people were against, where small, unrelated laws were snuck in.

The only way I can see representative democracy actually working is if our representatives were to actually represent us. Unfortunately, the concept of party discipline, and with that free votes and party whips, go against the way it should work. Our representatives should be gathering data on how people want them to vote, even if it goes against the party line. Then again, instead of having representatives polling their constituents and having the option to ignore them, we may as well have some form of direct democracy.

One argument against direct democracy is that we can't trust Canadians to make the right decisions. But can we really trust politicians? There are constant scandals not only in Ottawa, but closer to home, too. And while we're quick to blame Harper for the federal ones, does anyone else remember the sponsorship scandal which destroyed our former Liberal government's support in the first place? Corruption isn't something we can get rid of by switching out one set of politicians for another. We also can't get rid of it by changing the system, but at least citizens would have more autonomy under direct democracy.

Even our own Students' Union isn't free from scandal. Last year's SU elections were fraught with problems, from disqualifications to revotes, vote tampering to straight-up intimidation. It's not something we expect to see at the university level, especially not from people that have likely wanted to be in politics their whole lives. These are the people who will one day rise up the ranks of politics to represent us commoners. If this is how they're starting, is it any wonder we have Duffys, Wrights, and Redfords?

I was recently invited to the Students' Union's Get Out the Vote Facebook event and it made me laugh. It reminded me of how little I actually care about voting in this election. I live in Edmonton Strathcona, where it's obvious that the NDP will win. I may like them a whopping 60 per cent according to the internet, but that doesn't inspire me to elect them to run our country. It doesn't matter, though, because even if we don't have direct democracy, we also don't have proportional representation. I already know without a doubt who's going to win and I don't have a better alternative. I might as well not waste my time, stay at home, and write about things I have no control over in *The Gateway*.

**Kevin Schenk**  
ONLINE EDITOR



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## letters to the editor

### Stop complaining about lack of pay increase

(Re: "Administration won't award merit-based pay to professors," by Professor JC Cahill, Sept 16)

Load of sniveling. "...the only incentive the system has to motivate..." Really? What about a job well done, pursuing science, giving a hand up to the next generation, for the love of it. I feel privileged to work at the U of A, to leave my mark on the future and to know I have done the best I can do. Merit is extra to the regular salary, it is not equivalent to student grades. We should all be striving for an A all of the time. You are whining about not getting the stick-on gold star.

**George F. Sternberg**  
VIA WEB

### Administration increases at expense of profs

I'm not condoning Professor Cahill's perspective, but I understand his frustration: University of Alberta's senior administrators have not done well with their responsibility to protect the institution, and for years the professoriate has borne the brunt of cutbacks while senior administration has bloated. Mostly this has been kept from students, because professors in general care about the quality of students' educational experience, and know that students have other things to worry about.

But things are coming to the point where many professors and other

members of the academic staff association (called AASUA) are saying 'enough is enough'.

So Dr. Cahill's remarks can be thought of as an expression of collective frustration.

However, there are some points, made by Dr. Cahill and others in the comments, that require correcting:

Firstly, FECs rarely award merit (remuneration) increases on the basis of teaching. So the lack of merit increases does not directly disincentivize quality teaching per se. What it affects is the morale and potential for a faculty member to move up in rank from assistant to associate to full professor. It affects their sense of having being shown respect by the administration.

What does affect the rewards from FEC is an individual's productivity in terms of research and publication. But in a situation like the one where professors find themselves now—loosing departmental support staff, loosing basic equipment like telephones, loosing full-time colleagues to share the load of work within a department, inevitably there is less time to do research and write and publish about it. And so when professors are pulling double or triple duty and are told zero dollars are available for increases, that is a problem. Especially when they see bloat in the senior administrative level, the parts of the personnel structure that have zero student contact, and rarely do research either.

Secondly, professors, librarians, lab instructors, and many other forms of personnel are paid according to set scales. Professorial pay is not unlimited, contrary to what "Insider"

thinks. You can look at the pay scales here: <http://www.aasua.ca/member-services/salary-scales/>

Thirdly, professors do not belong to a union. In fact the academic staff at all universities in the province of Alberta, are not allowed to belong to a union. Academic staff are legislated by the Alberta Post Secondary Learning Act, to belong to a collective bargaining association. At UAlberta it's the AASUA. This means that in Alberta, academic staff lack the protections of a union including the right to go on strike when a contract negotiation has failed. So that even though the current contract negotiations have stalled, even though the University's senior administration has decided to withhold merit increases allocated on last year's productivity and excellence, even though the University is 'bargaining in bad faith', academic staff, including professors, must keep working.

So, while I deplore Dr Cahill's assertion that lack of merit at FEC will provide disincentives to good teaching, I welcome the fact that The Gateway published his letter, thereby opening to the student body awareness of the problems with the senior administration at the University of Alberta, problems affecting all professors. I encourage all students to become more aware of what is happening to universities in Alberta and other parts of the country. The post secondary education system is being destroyed by overt political policy. You have a right to know about this.

**Liz Leslie**  
VIA WEB



# Alphabetized organization in bookstore is a nightmare



**Hannah Madsen**  
OPINION STAFF

Textbooks are one of the most aggravating aspects of being a student. Perennially-expensive, constantly-changing and, in most cases, absolutely necessary, textbooks provide a challenge to even the most seasoned of us.

Up until now, the University Bookstore's inventory of textbooks was organized by course, with all necessary texts in the same area. This fall, though, the organizational system was changed — all books are now shelved alphabetically by author. While this system is more logical from an inventorying perspective, especially given the redundancy in locations for books that are being used in multiple courses, ultimately it has served to alienate the main customer base of the bookstore: university students at the U of A.

Alphabetization is, in most cases, a wonderful way to organize books. It forces books by the same author to cluster together, which is particularly useful in the case of fiction series or anthologies with the same editor, because if people like works by one author, they will tend to read more by the same author. Most bookstores also organize their sections by genre before breaking them down alphabetically, as having an entire bookstore as a huge alphabetized section is a little too widespread for the average consumer to tackle.

The same sort of principle applies at the U of A bookstore. While the new system is very intuitive from a staff perspective and has helped to make the store more organized, it makes

the process of picking up books much more complicated for students. Now, students need to look up the authors, titles, and possibly even editions of every book in each course (in case of different editions of the same book being used, as they will now be side-by-side on the shelves), and then come prepared with all of that information.

Under the old system, a student only needed to know their course numbers and subjects (and perhaps sections if there were multiples), which made the process of buying textbooks a little less onerous. While it could be argued that the only difference between the old system and the new is that the student is required to take initiative and be prepared for finding their books, it still seems that the system is missing something: an overarching way of breaking down the giant alphabetized section and making it a bit easier to handle.

If the sections were broken up by faculty, for example, that could help. By putting Arts books in one section, Science books in another and so on and then alphabetizing the texts within those larger sections, then at least the sections would be smaller and if a student showed up without having the information they needed to find their books, the number of books that they would need to browse through would be far more manageable. Installing automated kiosks that come with a built-in inventory update would be helpful, too, so that a student wouldn't have to check each book's location only to discover that they're out of stock. That could help relieve pressure on employees at the bookstore too. Right now the system seems to be generating a lot of frustration and confusion, but with a few tweaks, maybe it could be fixed and end up being a win-win for both students and the bookstore itself.



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here. I only play HUB RUN

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# Yes, sexual preferences based on race are still racist



**Cole Forster**  
OPINION STAFF

So you have a preference for partners of a certain race to the exclusion of other races? Maybe you like Asian guys. Maybe Latinas are more your thing. Maybe you prefer partners who look like you.

Do these sentiments make you a racist?

The evidence is compounding, and may now be fairly conclusive, that sexual racism is a form of racism and therefore indefensible by claims of “preference.” While some people invariably have ra-

cially defined predispositions and tendencies, it seems self-evident that discriminating against certain races in romantic or sexual circumstances is actually categorically racist.

A recent study of gay and bisexual men in Australia found that racially discriminatory dating beliefs were inextricably connected to higher levels of racial bigotry in general. Titled “Is Sexual Racism Really Racism?” and published in *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, the study compared responses to questions about race and dating with a parallel questionnaire about general racial tolerance. There was an undeniable correlation linking those respondents who were discriminatory in their dating preferences to more obvi-

ous forms of racial bigotry. While the problem is usually understood as being concentrated in the gay community, it would be flippant to deny that sexual racism is an issue regardless of sexuality.

**▪ The specific exclusion of people from your dating pool based on race can only be described by one word.**

When someone expresses a preference for partners of a certain race they usually won’t admit that their tendency has racist implications. The more odious corollary — excluding certain races outright — is a very questionable commitment

to have. If one recognizes or confesses to a racially discriminatory approach to prospective romantic or sexual partners, then one is obligated to consider the origins of this discrimination. In Canada at least, our society does a comparatively decent job of condemning most forms of overt racism. If someone openly states their aversion to doing business with Arabs on a purely racial basis, a severe majority of us would be disgusted and say as much. But, if someone mentions in passing that a certain racial group is not their “type” most people don’t bat an eye. Why does society fail to admonish racism when it happens to be cloaked in terms of “taste?”

There are preferences that are actually just that, preferences. You

can prefer brunettes to blondes and not be racist. You can prefer men to women and not be racist. But the specific exclusion of people from your dating pool based on race can only be described by one word. At the distinct risk of sounding like a broken record about this, it’s racist to take every member of an ethnic group (that you’ve somehow defined in your unyielding sagacity) and neatly set them on the shelf never to be considered as humans to be courted, dated, loved, fucked, married, whatever. Seeing it trite to suggest that anyone is under the obligation to increase their amorous diversity, I propose a humane compromise. See people as individuals before you see them as a caricature of some race you supposedly “don’t date.”

# Homo naledi bones raise old questions about human nature

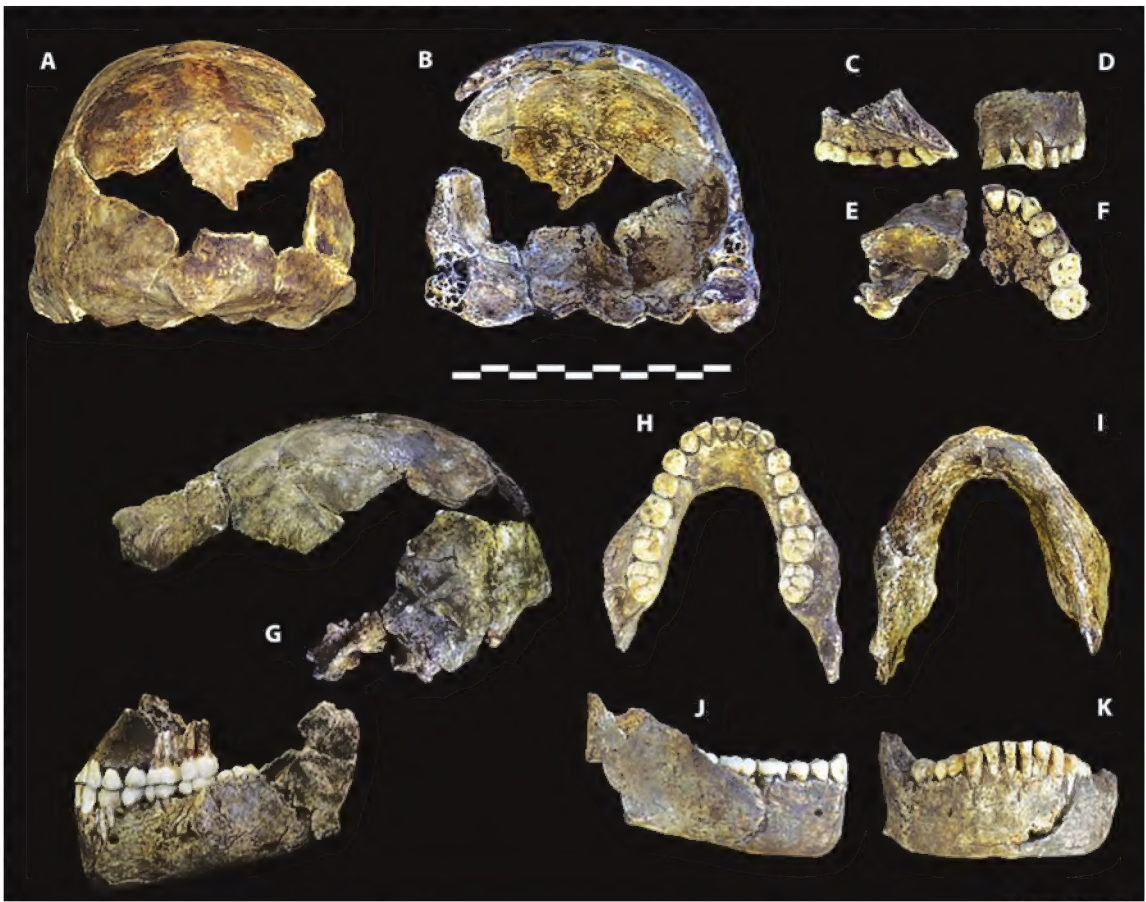


**Matti Thurlin**  
OPINION WRITER

Scientists have unearthed, yet again, glowing insights into the human condition. In this case, a new species of human has been discovered, bearing even more knowledge as gifts to our wonderfully adorned, human throne atop Olympus. We call this new species “Homo naledi.”

What’s so special about this discovery? Homo naledi supposedly “bridges the evolutionary gap” between primates and ourselves. More significantly, though, Homo naledi were apparently capable of symbolic thought, made clear by their being found in a ceremonial tomb. Combined in this fact with the first, and this new species becomes important; scientists have, until now, thought that only we, Homo sapiens, are equipped to think symbolically. It appears that this “x-factor” we all have — separating us from “animals” — doesn’t actually count as unique. Being human looks more and more like being animal.

I’m almost always for views that refuse to privilege humans above the rest of existence. In sum, we all need to realize that being human-centric has cost us lives and, at this rate, a planet — indeed, a home, a family. Why I’m not over the top about the discovery of Homo naledi, though, is because “gaining” knowledge is strictly not the way out of



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human-centrism. In fact, it pushes us the other way.

This claim will need to be qualified, of course. But let’s start here.

Naturally, scientists think that the discovery of Homo naledi poses deep questions about human nature. It strikes me as weird that we needed to discover really old bones in order to ponder these sorts of things culturally — even legitimately, for most people. My

specific point here is two-fold: on the one hand, we needed scientific knowledge to even consider (again, culturally or “legitimately”) that humans aren’t the centre of the world and endowed with godly gifts; on the other, this knowledge itself is tricky, for reasons owing to thinkers writing roughly two-thousand years ago.

To elaborate, then: doubtless, we are thought to be different than oth-

er animals by virtue of our superior intellect. We come to know things about the world, and this is what makes us special. It thus becomes apparent why knowledge doesn’t really help demote humans from the top of natural hierarchy: this is what puts us there in the first place.

You might say: but isn’t knowledge now leading us to justify your desired natural egalitarianism?

Knowledge is generally consid-

ered to be “justified true belief.” When you have justification for beliefs that are indeed true, you have knowledge. The catch is, we only have access to the “justified” part of this equation. The ancients, for example, mathematically justified the claim that the sun travels around the Earth; of course, they couldn’t possibly verify the truth of their claim, but it was nonetheless knowledge.

In the same way, we are now (presumably) justified in thinking that we don’t have a fundamental human “x-factor.” But do we actually have access to the truth of this? We are simply justified.

My view, then, is this. Rather than relying on “knowledge” to contemplate the so called “deep questions,” we should rely on a humility that runs deeper than readily admitting that humans aren’t what we thought. We should be humble enough to say: the question of human nature is open, and at best we can love the pursuit of answers to it. We can only approach knowledge. This is different than saying “humans don’t have essential, special nature.” I’m saying that we must humbly keep the question open.

To be sure, rather than know the world, we do things in it; indeed, we can become good at doing things. We become good at building, manipulating, in the same way one becomes good at a sport. The utmost important thing, though, is that “knowledge” is therefore a tool: realizing this amounts to realizing that knowledge need not be a weapon aimed at our home in the name of human well being.



# The faces of Canadian currency



**Parker Ali**  
OPINION STAFF

Between four Prime Ministers, the Queen, an annoying bird and a sailboat, Canadian currency has a whole lot of characters to talk about. Most people probably see the folks on our bills as a generic wash of old white guys (and a lady), but the history that led to their appearance on our currency says as much about them as it does about our country, or at least our Royal Canadian Mint.

## Wilfrid Laurier (\$5)

Our seventh Prime Minister, Laurier is arguably known best today as the Leader of the Opposition during the first World War. Laurier's stance against Canadian war involvement included blocking and protesting the advancement and investment in the British Royal Navy, as well as being one of the most notable opponents of conscription. Laurier's position, which was shared by many French Canadians, led to the violent conscription crisis, an event in Laurier's legacy that is often overshadowed by the growth and relative prosperity Canada previously achieved under his oversight.

## John A. Macdonald (\$10)

If you don't know that Johnny A. was our first Prime Minister, you need to go back to sixth grade. This wistful purple fellow in your pocket may look innocent, but it was Macdonald who pushed for the arrest and hanging of Louis Riel, an act intended to quell rebellion among the Metis which (not surprisingly) backfired miserably. One election debate saw John, accused to be drunk at the time, vomit on the stage between himself and his opponent. He then proceeded to play the incident up as a disgusted response to his opposing candidate's rhetoric. Seen by many as a symbol of Canadian independence, Macdonald was ironically loyal to the crown, famously stating: "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will die."



## Queen Elizabeth II (\$20)

As of last week, Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning UK Monarch in history. Queen at 25 in the wake of her father's early death, Elizabeth had endured the blitz bombings of her country, as well as trained as a military driver and mechanic. Her reign saw Buckingham palace the victim of two notable breaches in security, an archivist of 23 years was revealed to be a Communist spy, and another intruder who was able to find himself at the foot of the sleeping Queen's bed. With no indication of abdication in the near future, the Queen's appearance on the 20 will, at the very least, stay a reminder of our colonial past.

## William Lyon Mackenzie King (\$50)

Canada's PM at the onset of the Great Depression, King thought the economic crisis was a mere fad. King lost favour, and subsequently his office by infamously shooting down any notion of unemployment relief in 1930. King regained office in 1935 and provided public aid at last. He met with Hitler in Germany following militaristic advancements under the Nazi Party. While King disapproved of Nazism itself, he was intrigued with Hitler, saying Hitler would "rank some day with Joan of Arc among the deliverers of his people." King also privately held a penchant for the occult, holding séances and using mediums to contact the "spirit world." Among those he contacted after their death were his mother, his predecessor Wilfrid Laurier, and his beloved dead dogs. While King died 39 years too soon to make Pet Sematary jokes to his face, you can always give it a shot with Ouija board.

## Robert Borden (\$100)

Like Macdonald, Borden was originally a lawyer by trade, and was Canada's WWI Prime Minister. While responsible for women's suffrage in Canada, Borden's legacy also includes the War Measures Act, which during in World War I and II indefinitely inter Ukrainian and Japanese immigrants respectively. The Act also gave the Canadian government the power to put restraints on its own citizens during the October Crisis, setting curfews and detaining suspects with little to no evidence in the name of public safety.

# Fuck it. Have sex with your professor.



**Pia Araneta**  
OPINION WRITER

Like most developing adults my age, I do a lot of my daydreaming in the classroom — my attention wandering in the same direction as my hormones, locking eyes with the snickering frat boys in corner, only to roll away into the eyes of a true man. This man is knowledge. This man is wisdom. This man is twice my age and wearing the sexiest pair of khakis I've ever seen. Yes, this man is my professor and he's reading an excerpt from... I don't even know, but he sounds damn good reading it.

As a female harbouring every stereotypical classroom fantasy, I strongly encourage the pursuit of professors. My obsession began forming in high school — my English teacher continuously using phrases such as "I'm invested in your future" and "Pia, I'm going to have to keep you after class" eventually led to my forbidden

turn-on. Yes, I'm quite aware it's "ethically wrong," and "frowned upon," but in this sexual day and age, I say what the hell. What's that you say? How did I get an A+ on that paper I never wrote? I had the most logical affair of my life, that's how.

University is not the time to assert your inner prude. Experiment. Explore. And if that experiment happens to land you a 4.0 GPA, then you go girl (or guy). Really create the erotic and educational experience every student strives for in a university environment. You got an extension on your assignment? Nice. Do you know what's even better? If that extension came from his pants.

Professors gain their appeal as authority figures — their position of power automatically attracts any submissive being, and any of those with basic daddy issue traits. Profs are also confident as hell. They don't walk into a class, stumbling over their words and twiddling their thumbs. No, professors know what they're talking about and aren't afraid to look you in the eyes while delivering whatever plethora of sexy facts they've

attained over the years. Knowledge is sexy and there's no way they got where they are today by having a vernacular ranging from the words "bro" to "shit, dude." Even the secrecy is a turn-on — weaving through empty classrooms and offices, violating the sacred environment of learning. What a time to be alive.

Jokes aside, this isn't to justify grade-digging your professor in order to ensure your unearned, bright future. You can still respect academia while exploring your primitive impulses with one another. At the end of the day, sleeping with your prof isn't the worst thing you can do in university. I for one would take a quick bone over plagiarizing any day.

So make yourself noticeable. Add cryptic phrases in your assignments with enough subtlety to ensure your intentions. For example: "Hamlet was very much a byproduct of his social climate, very much like my lady wood being a byproduct of that turtleneck you wore last lecture." Let there be no shame here. After all, the classroom is where all the magic happens.

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## PRESIDENT NAVNEET KHINDA

**Q: What's your academic life like?**

I graduated with a BA in Political Science so I'm just taking a couple courses right now.

**Q: What has your experience in student government been like prior to this year?**

My experience has been amazing. I was on council for two years as an arts councillor. Last year I was VP External and outside of all that I have just done student leadership roles.

**Q: What's your job description?**

As president, I am the primary spokesperson for 30,000 undergraduate students. But unlike the VP's who focus on one portfolio, I need to have situational awareness of what is going on in the SU, operationally, advocacy-wise. That means I have to understand what each VP's goals are and to find ways that they can work together. But to make it more concise: The President is in charge of overseeing both the operations of the SU and advocacy efforts.

**Q: What's the best part of your job?**

Being able to do so many different things in one job. I can be a lobbyist, I get to read awesome things and meet awesome people. I get to manage as well. So HR stuff and policy stuff.

**Q: The worst?**

I guess the long hours. And time-management is something I need to work on too.

**Q: What are your main goals for the year?**

My goals are to coordinate with the VP's and support them. Kind of like the team captain. I make sure everyone is on the same page. A lot of my time is spent relationship building and relationship maintaining. We have a new president, a new provost, a new government, and a new board chair coming up, so we need to make sure our messages are in sync. VP External will talk to government, VP Academic will talk to the admin, and it's my job to make sure the messages are the same.

My personal goals come from ensuring students can access leadership opportunities, making sure the SU is running smoothly and effectively and that we're serving students well. Most of it is high in the sky ideas, and the rest of the nitty gritty stuff comes down to the day to day.

Something that is taking up a lot of my time is looking at when a student group can't function anymore or is suspended. Working with the SU to make sure students aren't left unrepresented. And meeting with all the players in the university area.

**Q: What's your favourite thing to do on a rainy day?**

I like to binge-watch Netflix shows or read a book. Rainy days are good for introspection.



## VP OPS-FI CODY BONDARCHUK

**Q: What's your academic life like?**

I'm just starting my fifth year of a Bachelor of Arts with a sociology major. Fifth, but not last.

**Q: What has your experience in student government been like prior to this year?**

I've always been interested in governance and the model of being able to select your own representatives. I came from a high school with no student government at all so it was an exciting idea that instead of people hired being at the top it was people that we actually wanted. So I voted since my first year, but I had no governance experience before this.

**Q: What's your job description?**

Like the name would suggest, it's largely the operations and the financial part to the student's union. So it's very internal. It's working with operations, anything from buildings to staff and then financially from a budgeting perspective for each of the departments. Really working with the businesses and services we offer.

**Q: What's the best part of your job?**

Being able to run with things. I've had SU experience before working for SafeWalk, and a lot of the time you have your goals that are related to your service and the goals are set each year. Now, if I have an idea I can actually go try to do it which is really exciting.

**Q: The worst?**

Scheduling in terms of my dog. She needs to be walked in the afternoon and it's very common for me to have things planned for

early morning and late at night. So I have to go home almost every day to walk her and come back. The commute is more stressful than I thought it would be but I'm working on it.

**Q: What are your main goals for the year?**

The biggest thing is about accessible food for students. It's specifically based around healthier food and prepared meals to go as well as groceries. There's not a lot around campus in terms of a grocery store, so having some semblance of that in SUB is what we're going for. I want to get those groceries, and then provide healthier and more of a variety of options at L'Express.

Aside from food, there's the idea of safe spaces and accessible washroom spaces. I want to look at how the University uses gendered spaces and where they are appropriate or not, and where there is an opportunity for ungendered spaces. The biggest being single-unit all-gender washroom stalls. I'm working with the university architect to make more inclusive signage, and working to create an all-gender changeroom in Van Vliet. I'm also hopefully working with the Government of Alberta to change their building codes so single unit washrooms are required in all buildings.

**Q: If you could have any food available on campus what would you want?**

I want a salad bar. I want a legitimate, long salad bar where you can make your own salads.



# “EVERYDAY IS EXCITING, THE SCHEDULE IS PACKED”



**VP EXTERNAL**  
**DYLAN HANWELL**

**Q: What's your academic life like?**

I'm in my fifth year of Political Science.

**Q: What has your experience in student government been like prior to this year?**

In my first year I ran for Student's Council as and Arts Councillor. I lost that election and was a Councillor in waiting. In August someone dropped it, so I became a Councillor. I spent essentially two years on council, spent a couple years on a faculty association and now I'm here.

**Q: What's your job description?**

The best way to describe my position is that I deal with everything external to the purview of the university. So anything outside the control of the university or the Student's Union that relates to student issues I deal with. That includes getting students to vote in the federal election, to tuition regulations, to student financial aid.

**Q: What's the best part of your job?**

I think it's the ability to see how the Student's Union can influence a huge system that affects our own students. So I can be a part of the post-secondary system with it's hundreds of thousands of students and move that system for the

students of the U of A

**Q: The worst?**

Sometimes I miss the student life. I miss going to class sometimes, but I do like school and I do like learning. I miss doing my degree. That's the toughest part, as nerdy as it sounds.

**Q: What are your goals for the year?**

I ran on three goals in my campaign. One was renewal of tuition cap. With the new change in government that came through right away which is super exciting. The next thing was the Get Out The Vote campaign. I've set a goal of 7500 students pledging to sign up. The final goal is to talk about the student experience. It's this nebulous topic that everyone likes talking about. I want to delve into it more and make sure our university is being held to the high standard that we expect when coming here.

**Q: What's your favourite dog breed?**

I'd want like a midsize dog, that doesn't shed, relatively low energy so it's not jumping all over the place. Right now I think french bulldogs are like the cutest dog you can ever see. But those are the criteria i'm looking for in a dog, but i'm not sure what breed that would be.

# “MOST OF IT IS HIGH IN THE SKY IDEAS”



**VP ACADEMIC**  
**FAHIM RAHMAN**

**Q: What's your academic life like?**

I'm in my fifth year of a specialization in chemistry, so at the end of this year I'll be ready to convocate.

**Q: What has your experience in student government been like prior to this year?**

I got really lucky. When i was visiting clubs fair I was rushed by Pike (the fraternity). I didn't pledge or initiate, but I still got an interview with then VP Academic Petros Kusmu and became interested in what goes on in the VP Academic portfolio. In my second year I got involved with the Academic Relations group, proxying for the VP Academic on sub-committees. The following year I ran for VP Academic of the Interdepartmental Science Student's Society, then was President the following year. So that's how I got experienced representing students on broad issues across campus and specific issues within the Faculty of Science.

**Q: What's your job description?**

VP Academic focuses on anything within the classroom for students. So anything from quality of instruction to class size to how much you pay for your textbooks. That's the core of the portfolio. I'm really involved in university governance. I sit on a lot of different meetings. I'll pick up on different issues like changes to the university calendar as well as program changes in specific programs and faculties as

well if they're going to affect a lot of students.

**Q: What's the best part of your job?**

What I'm doing can directly benefit students. Quality instruction, how much we pay for textbooks, what I'm doing is making a difference in the lives of students.

**Q: The worst?**

Between all the meetings and commitments, it's hard to find time to read reports or write reports about what's going on or what undergraduates really like to see. Not having enough time is probably the least desirable part of the job.

**Q: What are your main goals for the year?**

Quality instruction, so making sure students have the highest quality instruction possible. Affordability is another big thing. So looking at making sure instructors have academic material that is affordable for students. Finally, supporting other student representatives, specifically the faculty associations. We represent 30,000 students on campus, we know that it's better if some initiatives are better if they come from within the faculty so we want strong faculty associations.

**Q: What's your favourite thing to have for breakfast?**

Lately I've been enjoying Corn Pops cereal. It's really simple, but it takes a while to get through a whole bowl.

# “THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE”



**VP STUDENT LIFE**  
**VIVIAN KWAN**

**Q: What's your academic life like?**

I just finished my Bachelor of Science in June with a major in biological science and a minor in psychology. Now I'm in Open Studies, I was enrolled in a wrestling class, but dropped it because, commitment issues. Now I'm in a Health Ed course, just going with the flow.

**Q: What has your experience in student government been like prior to this year?**

I was on Student Council last year, so I have one full year of experience with student governance. Before that I was more involved with the university side, so I sat on a lot of committees with the university on the health services and stuff like that so more of an advisory, student at large.

**Q: What's your job description?**

I focus on more of the non-academic issues. Any advocacy related to residence services, international students. I also work with a bunch of services, anything big to small dealing with the student experience.

**Q: What's the best part of your job?**

Everyday is exciting. The schedule is packed

for the week, so there's no chance to be bored, it's not routine.

**Q: The worst?**

Processes are a little slow, I can get impatient and a lot of the projects are more long term so I get anxious

**Q: What are your main goals for the year?**

Most of my goals tie back to student well being. I want to focus on residence issues. I want to open up the housing policy and see what we can add to it. So we're in the progress of talking to other residence hall association execs to see what the major concerns are.

Also, working with international students to do a mental health campaign. I'm hoping to talk to international students about their mental health struggles in their language. And we'll feature it in English as well, get the message out that we're all in the same, we all have struggles and it's okay to talk about it.

**Q: If you could only bring one thing to a desert island, what would it be?**

Water just came to mind, so water.



# Arts & Culture

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## fashion streeters

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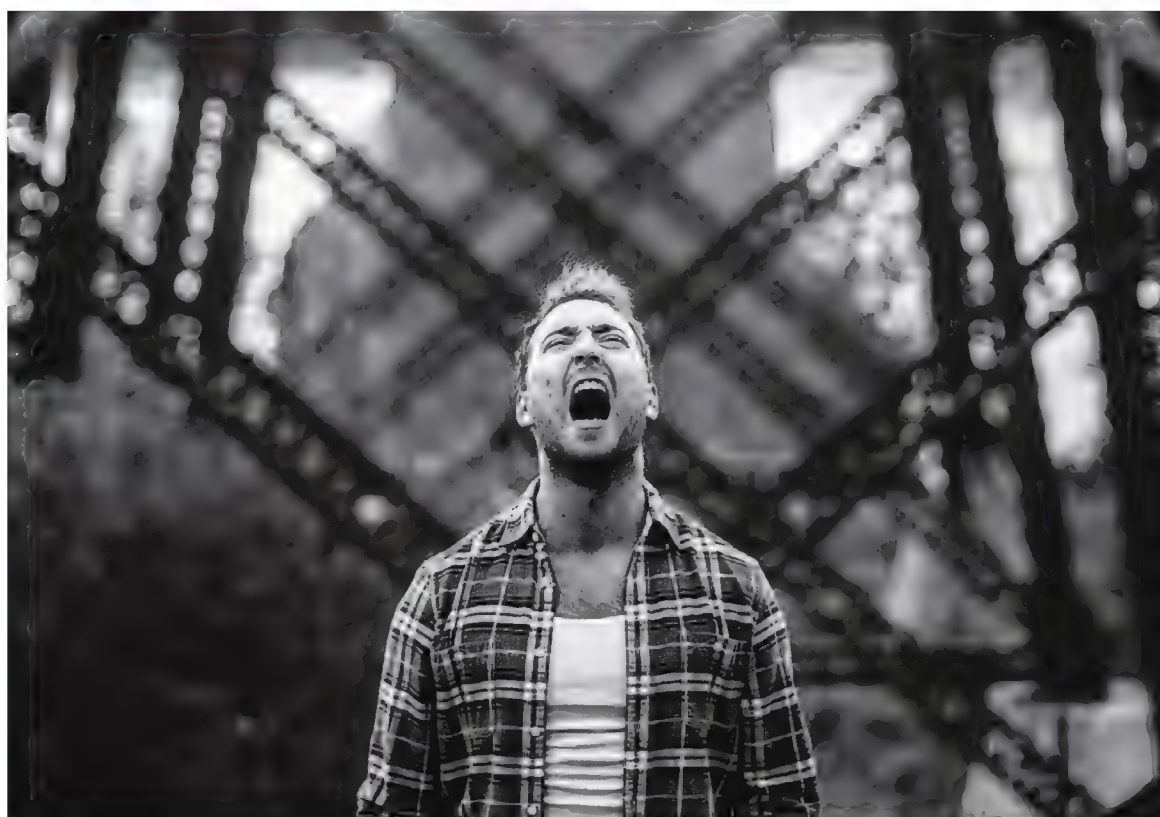
**Katelin Karbonik**  
HUMAN ECOLOGY IV

**GATEWAY:** Describe your outfit.

**KARBONIK:** It's kind of my rainy day outfit. I always wear this jacket when it's raining and I thought that [the scarf] matched, so I wore that, and then I did the lipstick because it also matched the head scarf. My backpack is from Roots; I love Roots! This jacket is Roots. I have this outfit that is 90 per cent Roots and it's one of my favourites.

**GATEWAY:** What are you most excited to wear in fall and winter?

**KARBONIK:** Sweaters! Sweaters. I'm a textile student and I'm a knitter, so I knit things. I have one more sleeve to go on this sweater that I'm really excited to wear.



SUPPLIED

## Bone Cage deals with devastation

### THEATRE PREVIEW

### Bone Cage

**WHEN** Thursday, Sept. 24 to Sunday, Oct. 4

**WHERE** La Cite Francophone

**WRITTEN BY** Catherine Banks

**DIRECTED BY** Heather Inglis

**STARRING** Alyson Dicey, Neil Kuefler

**HOW MUCH** \$15 to \$28

**Kieran Chrysler**

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Set in Nova Scotia where characters rely on a volatile industry much like Alberta, Catherine Banks' play *Bone Cage* is a coming of age story where jobs come at a personal price.

Actors Alyson Dicey and Neil Kuefler, both alumni of the University of Alberta's BFA program, portray Chicky and Jamie, two of *Bone Cage*'s characters who have to deal with the struggle of the Nova Scotian forestry industry. Along with environmental impact, the play hides themes of family ties and in-

dependence.

The characters are hard-headed and try to constantly keep feelings in check, which Dicey admits has been a bit of a challenge to portray as an emotional person.

"It's been a total 180 for me going into this character, it's really fun and has been such a great opportunity for me," she says.

"I'm playing a character that I wouldn't be friends with," Kuefler adds.

*Bone Cage*'s characters deal with such a touchy industry, something that will resonate strongly with many Albertans, where they deal with such a fluctuating oil market. The Nova Scotia forestry industry sets the scene for the characters, like Kuefler's Jamie, to reflect on how the industry impacts him.

"There's a huge struggle going on with how they relate to their own lives and their dependence on the industry and forestry," Kuefler says.

But along with the forestry industry's tough financial times, the characters are also pulled through several tragedies and have to figure out how to cope with them (not

necessarily in productive ways).

"These characters are going through a ton of devastation, one thing after the other, and self-medicating with drinking, smoking, abuse," Dicey says. "People's ways of dealing with their problems is something we can all think about."

Kuefler says that part of his interest in the play has stemmed from the contrast of the hard characters and how they are portrayed on the stage in such a contrasting, poetic way.

"It's really theatrical, poetic style delivered by people who are driving half ton trucks; their idea of a weekend is hanging out by the river and drinking beer and getting in fights," he says.

While the subject matter is dark at times, Dicey notes that there is a quality of humour to the play, as the characters fall deeper and deeper into self-destruction.

"It's sad but it's funny. [The play] has this really dry, dark humor and there's that point where so much shit is happening, you can't cry anymore so you have to laugh at it and watching these characters deal with this mountain of crap."

### ALBUM REVIEW

### Battles La Di Da Di

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**Joshua Storie**  
ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

*La Di Da Di* (no affiliation with Slick Rick) is the third full length studio album and the first without lead vocalist Tyondai Braxton, by American experimental rock band Battles. This album is confident and dynamic, and is a strong progression for the now three-piece fully instrumental group from their 2011 record *Gloss Drops*.

As a whole, *La Di Da Di* feels like an extended jam session that

presents a host of layered synthesizer melodies, hard hitting drum breaks, and unusual staccato guitar licks. Individually, each track starts with simple repetition and slowly builds into an immaculate and often chaotic climax before deciding to end abruptly or descend into its original base parts. Battles finds a unique way to mesh unusual instruments together into something masterful, one example is the use

of Christmas bells numerous times throughout the album. Although many of the tracks are similarly formulated, Battles demonstrates a constant stream of original ideas and interesting reinventions to possible borrowed ideas (such as the Cage the Elephant sounding intro to "Summer Summer"). Some especially notable moments include "The Yabba", which acts as a proud introduction to *La Di Da Di*, "Megatouch" which features some incredibly unique ghostly sounding synths, and the roominess of the sustained guitar tones on "Cacio e Pepe".

Overall, *La Di Da Di* feels like the first listenable hybrid of rock and electronic since Atoms for Peace or The Whos *Baba O'Reilly*. Battles proves that they can continue on without Braxton.





# doin' you

## Planning an international trip? Don't stress out!

**Rachael Phillips**  
ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

So you're dreaming about going on a trip but the whole idea of planning it is entirely overwhelming. Where do you start? What needs to be done and when? It's actually a lot easier than people seem to think. Before anything else you've got to pick a place to go. Base your choice not only on personal desire, but on things like the location's current socio-political on-goings (try to avoid countries that are at war) and currency exchange rates (the worse the rate, the more expensive the trip will be). Once you have some sort of plan and know that you can afford it, it's a lot easier to bite the bullet and say you're going to do it. Here's a basic list of what you have to do and when to do it in order to successfully plan your adventure.

**Step 1:** A few weeks before booking anything, check out what the typical price for transportation and accommodation is in the place you've decided to go. It's a good idea to search for deals and promos early. Add on extra expenses for any activities you plan on doing, as well as any spending money you'll need. This is where you really need to start budgeting everything out to make sure you actually can afford this trip and whether or not you should try making some extra money beforehand.

**Step 2:** Flights get cheaper around four months before departure (five months before for international

flights). Try using your browser's 'incognito window' to search flights; prices are often boosted if you've recently searched for plane tickets. Use sights such as Skyscanner, Momondo, or Vayamato find cheaper flights. Farecompare says that 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays is the best time to find inexpensive flights!

**Step 3:** About two months ahead of your departure date, make sure that you have all of the necessary documents for your trip. This includes a valid passport, a driver's license (or a second form of photo ID), an international driver's license if you plan to need one, as well as a small amount of currency for your destination. Now is the time to organize getting any visas and vaccinations that you may need based on where you're going. Don't forget to call your credit card companies to let them know you'll be abroad. Also at this point you should look into getting travel insurance, an extra but worthwhile cost.

**Step 4:** About 30-50 days before your departure date you should book any train tickets that you may need, even if it's just an open train pass. Train schedules are typically posted about 20-45 days in advance, so early research never hurts when looking at rates. Now is the time to also start booking accommodations, even if it's just for the first few nights of your trip. Hotels and hostels often fill up pretty quickly during peak seasons, so having a few places booked will definitely help you when you arrive. If there are any must-do excursions

or tours that you don't want to miss out on, try and book as early as possible during popular tourist seasons since these fill up quickly.

**Step 5:** 15 days before departure make a list of things you should pack and/or buy to take with you. Make sure you consider your destination's climate as well as what kind of activities you plan on doing while there. Don't pack three pairs of heels if you're going hiking in New Zealand and don't pack a tent and a heavy jacket if you're spending most of your time lounging on the French Riviera. You get the idea. If you don't already have one, now is the time to buy a suitcase or backpack that will fit all of your travel needs. Pro-tip: the bigger the bag, the more likely it is that you'll over-pack.

**Step 6:** A week before departure you should do a trial pack to make sure you have everything that you will need, but also to make sure that you're not breaking any weight restrictions that your airline/cruise ship/train might have. Most importantly: be reasonable—are you really prepared to carry that 50-pound bag on your back across eight countries? Probably not. Unpack the unnecessary items. If you forget something, chances are you'll be able to buy it where you are travelling if it's super necessary. Other countries use shampoo, too, you know.

**Step 7:** Say your goodbyes, board your plane and have the time of your life!



## Miley: From Hannah Montana to 420 Queen

LEAVE MILEY ALONE! SHE'S JUST BEING HERSELF, OKAY??!

MILEY, WHAT'S GOOD? STOP THROWING SHADE AT NICKI, OKAY!!?



**Raylene Lung**  
POINT

Whenever the name Miley Cyrus is heard, one automatically thinks: "Great, what has this psycho pothead done this time?" But despite the public's dislike for her unconventional antics and her glittery nipple stickers, the 22 year-old is more of a philanthropist than the world is giving her credit for.

Miley is involved in more than 40 charities, such as Elton John AIDS Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and multiple children's hospitals. She's a known animal lover, even adopting a pig from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Using her uncanny actions, such as sporting a rainbow unitard, Cyrus avidly supports the LGBT community as, even identifying as gender-fluid

herself. In support of the Happy Hippie Foundation, a foundation helping LGBT youth, Miley did a photo shoot with gender-fluid teens for V Magazine to spread acceptance. Her advocacy for the "Love is Love" campaign even incorporated drag queens in many of her performances.

During the 2014 MTV VMA's after winning Video of the Year for her song "Wrecking Ball," the star sent a young homeless man that she met through My Friend's Place, an organization helping homeless youth find shelter. His speech brought tears to the Cyrus' eyes and encouraged the public to go to Miley's Facebook page to learn more and how to help.

If you Google her, Miley's uncomfortable Internet hysteria will flood your computer screen. A photo of her grinding up against a foam finger or perhaps Robin Thicke will appear. But the world fails to take notice of the humanitarian side of the artist. Sure, she smokes a shit ton of weed, but she never asked to be anyone's role model. She is being herself and if anyone objects to her flashing her private parts around, Miley honestly doesn't give a damn.



**Brittney Hubley**  
COUNTERPOINT

Even though MTV is careening towards irrelevance, this year's VMA's received plenty of attention: somewhat due to this year's host, Miley Cyrus. After Nicki Minaj fielded complaints on Twitter about the racist implications of the VMA nominations, Cyrus was asked about her thoughts on the matter, telling the New York Times that, "I don't respect [Minaj's] statement because of the anger that came with it." She refuses to acknowledge what Minaj is saying because of how she is saying it, an act called tone policing.

Her disregarding the inequality that Minaj is addressing is unsurprising. Cyrus' racist behavior is a pattern, not an incident. It includes

accessorizing people of colour, using them as props in her performances, and the appropriating of black culture, such as twerking, or the dreadlocks she wore to the awards this year.

Cyrus receives positive attention and revenue by using the culture that the black community has created and is criticized for. This isn't acceptable, because Cyrus spent twenty odd years marinating in white privilege before deciding that she wanted to take "The Best of Both Worlds" to a whole new level.

The polarizing personality that Cyrus presents is fulfilling it's purpose: she's incredibly relevant. While Cyrus has put effort into using her celebrity to draw attention to a few specific and important issues, such as homeless youth, the blunt ignorance she shows towards the racial implications of her actions cheapens it.

Lastly, I don't think of myself as a music critic, or even a particularly picky person when it comes to music, but I would sooner punch myself directly in the face than listen to "Dooo it!" ever again.





# Garneau Theatre Celebrates 75 Years



75 years covers a lot of ground in the cinematic world.

In 1940, the world saw Disney release *Pinocchio*, Katherine Hepburn star in *The Philadelphia Story* and Charlie Chaplin fascinate in *The Great Dictator*. And as it happens, the bright, beautiful sign that bathes 109 Street with flashing red and green lights was there for all of it. The Garneau Theatre turns 75 years-old this week, and Metro Cinema, the company that currently occupies the space, is throwing a huge party to celebrate.

Past Forward to 2015: The Garneau Theatre at 75 is a four day celebration of the rich history of the theatre. They are showing great films from the 40s, as well as some more current fan favourites, and hosting some events to show off the theatre's rich history.

The Garneau was built in 1940 in a race to build the first theatre in what was, at the time, a blossoming Edmonton suburb.

"It's hard to think of this as at the time, it filled the same suburban film niche as what South

Edmonton Common is today," says Metro Cinema's executive director David Cheoros.

Since its inception in 1940, The Garneau has seen many tenants occupy its grand stage. Going from a suburban movie theatre, to being operated by a theatre company in the 70s and then being ran by the Magic Lantern movie company from 1990 until 2011, it has had many uses over the years.

"It's gone through different iterations but has always had a community aspect to it," Cheoros notes. "Especially as the neighbourhood grew up so much around it."

The current occupant of the theatre is the Metro Cinema company, an Edmonton-based not-for-profit charity that has been operating in the city since 1977. Metro had mainly been operating in the downtown core, in venues like Ziedler Hall at The Citadel Theatre and the library. Now that they are using The Garneau space, they have taken a different approach to showing films than conventional theatres.

"In another theatre you would shave 20 or 30 different films over the course of the year, here we have about 350," Cheoros says. "It is a new toy every day."

Along with playing more films in a year than has been done in Edmonton before, Metro Cinema is working with the owners of the space (two Edmonton developers) to restore the Garneau to its original glory. Along with making staggering improvements to the sound, lighting and projection, they are also slowly working towards making the whole experience excellent for patrons. The owners renovated the entire front of the theatre, updating the retail spaces occupied by local businesses like Transcend and La Poutine. The dedication to making the Garneau into an updated theatre is part of their goal to make attending the theatre into more than seeing a movie, it's an entire experience.

"There aren't many single screen theatres left," Cheoros says. "You go to a movie house and you're shuffled into one of 18 little boxes.

Trying to find a place where there is a sense of grandeur to the experience."

Though Metro is updating the interior, those who love their glimmering sign need not worry that it will disappear anytime soon. The sign, and three of the theatre's walls are protected historical structures. This is partly what helped to fund the renovations to the front of the block, as they could apply for civic funding to maintain the historic buildings.

Part of the 75th anniversary celebration is Flash Bash, where they will be showing *Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe*, hosting a sci-fi themed photo booth and holding a silent auction. Metro is also encouraging anyone with fond memories of The Garneau at any point over its long life to email them to [garneau@metrocinema.org](mailto:garneau@metrocinema.org) so they can share them at Flash Bash!

The anniversary celebrations run this weekend. The full schedule of the festivities can be found at [metrocinema.org](http://metrocinema.org)



## the brewcrew

WRITTEN BY Jason Timmons

### Winter Dunkel

**Brewery:** Whistler Brewing Company,  
British Columbia, Canada

**Available at:** Sherbrooke Liquor Store  
(11819 St. Albert Trail)

Some things are best left to the experts, like brain surgery or professional sports. Whistler Brewing Company's Winter Dunkel provides yet another thing that isn't really for us common folk, and should be reserved for beer experts.

As a trend, strong, bold flavours in craft brews have become widespread and very successful among the beer connoisseur community. However, the overwhelming nature of this trend has left many casual beer drinkers with a bitter taste in their mouths.

Winter Dunkel combines the overpowering taste and aroma of rich dark chocolate with the in-your-face bite of citrus, creating a tasting experience



that's decent in small doses, but a bit too much flavour to down a full 650 mL bottle.

The pour is thick and creamy, revealing a sturdy head that will keep you company until the glass is drained. On the nose, as well as the taste, you're quickly faced with an uppercut of dark chocolate and a left hook of citrus, completely overpowering any other notes that may be hiding within this complex brew. The aftertaste provides more of the same overwhelming chocolate and citrus blend, drowning out any and all other tastes.

Winter Dunkel makes a great winter brew if you're drinking it by the ounce, however any prolonged exposure to this heavy-handed beer will leave you wondering if you just drank a beer or ate a chocolate orange.

## finer things

WRITTEN BY Mitchell Sorensen

### Tom Hardy in Press Conferences

It's unclear whether the people asking questions at press conferences are just getting monumentally more distasteful, or that someone has it in for Tom Hardy. Either way, the coolest actor working is just as deft at handling completely off-base questions, and for that, he deserves more than a word of praise.

It all started at Fury Road's Cannes conference, when a questioner who hopefully never finds a job in journalism again asked him whether he thought there were too many women in "this man's movie." As one would imagine, Hardy was taken aback, and replied. "No, not for one

second."

Earlier this week, another video surfaced in which Hardy is asked about his sexual orientation (thinly veiled as an inquiry about an openly gay character he plays in Legend). Just as deftly, Hardy replied "why?"

The reason he deserves so much credit for his responses is that he moves past them. He deals with the questions swiftly, makes sure everyone knows how he feels, and continues on. Never batting an eyelash and always with a picture-perfect reply to the lowest of blows, Tom Hardy, we salute you.

*The Finer Things is a semi-regular feature in which Gateway pop culture pundits point to a particularly relevant, pretentious or awesome example of art celebrating it for all of its subjective merit.*

## Vino Bitches

WINE:

Campo Viejo Rioja Tempranillo

Written by: Kieran Chysler

Exotic-sounding wines are always fun, especially so when they're under the \$15 mark. This Argentinian tempranillo is one of the absolute best in its price range, and if you're willing to spend a little more than average on your friends, it will definitely make you seem more impressive. Even if you have wine-averse friends, this is an extremely drinkable red, and is almost off-putting with how refreshing the taste is.

After uncorking this wine, you aren't met with too much smell off the bottle. If you often find yourself drinking wines from the bottom shelf of the liquor store, this will probably be a pleasant surprise since you can now be assured your taste buds won't be assaulted with vinegary grape juice. The pour into the glass makes for a gorgeous not-quite-opaque ruby hue.

The first sip is spicy, light and clean. The lack of aftertaste makes for an almost clean palate for every following sip. It's a very unobtrusive red, and will definitely pair well with anything you eat with it.

Most would probably just say that the Campo Viejo Rioja's tempranillo tastes like wine. And they aren't wrong. But if you're looking at other wines in this price point, it is definitely one of the best. It isn't trying too hard to be anything other than a wine, and sometimes that is all you need.



**Price:** \$12.99

**Available at:** Superstore Liquor Store

# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA ALUMNI AWARDS

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## Huge second half powers football Bears past Huskies

### FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

#### Bears vs. Dinos

Sept. 17 @ 7 p.m.  
McMahon Stadium

**Zach Borutski**  
SPORTS EDITOR

You'd probably be forgiven if you left Foote Field after the first half of Friday night's game.

At the half, it looked grim for University of Alberta Golden Bears football team, as they were down 18-0 to the Saskatchewan Huskies, and had only managed to amass 89 yards of offence.

Things took a dramatic turn in the second half, as Alberta outscored Saskatchewan 38-8 en route to a 38-26 victory.

The Huskies look unstoppable in the first half, as they had the ball for over ten minutes in the first quarter, compared to the Bears' 4:46 of possession time. Despite this, Alberta was still very much in the game after the first, only trailing 4-0. Saskatchewan upped their game in the second quarter however, as running back Tyler Chow scored a pair of rushing touchdowns to push the lead to 18-0 by the half.

Heading into the locker room at half time, head coach Chris Morris knew his team had work to do.

"The first thing I said to the guys in the locker room at the half was, we're only down by 18, which means we're still in this," Morris said. "This is an opportunity given to us by somebody, so let's make sure we take advantage of it."

Those words definitely seemed to work, as quarterback Ben Kopczynski got the comeback rolling with an eight-yard touchdown run on the opening drive of the third quarter.

Kopczynski had a rough start like the rest of his team, only throwing for 39 yards in the first half. Despite this, he said he was just focusing on one play at a time.

"We got off to a slow start just like last week," Kopczynski said. "Coach



**SECOND HALF SURGE** The Bears outscored the Huskies 38-8 in the second half, pushing their record to 2-0 on the season.

RANDY SAVOIE

always tells us that it's about the five seconds in front of you, so I was just trying to play with that mentality, and if you make a mistake just keep going and keep playing."

Kopczynski certainly did get it going in the second half, completing 15 of 21 passes for 261 yards.

Saskatchewan was able to respond with a field goal that pushed the lead to 21-7, but Kopczynski drove his team down the field again, and capped off the drive with a six yard touchdown pass to third year receiver Tylor Henry.

Alberta's defence was also able to hold the Huskies in check, forcing them to try for field goals on their

next two possessions, one of which was missed, making the score 24-14 heading into the fourth quarter.

Corner back Tak Landry was a huge contributor, leading the Bears defense with ten tackles.

"We bend, but we don't break," Landry said. "We've been doing our job, and believing in the system, and when you do that, you see what happens on the field."

Morris was also quick to credit his defence.

"That's a good group, they're playing hard, and they're playing together," Morris said. "There's not many elite athletes in that group, but they just all come with their

lunch pails and they all play together and for each other, and it's remarkable what you can do when you do that."

The Bears ultimately took control of the game in the fourth, moving into the lead courtesy of a Jimmy Ralph three yard TD reception.

After conceding a safety that cut their lead to 28-26, Alberta was able to rebound with a field goal on their next drive, and after stopping the Huskies on the drive afterwards, had the ball with less than a minute to go. Just for good measure, running back Ed Ilnicki busted out a 61-yard touchdown run, part of his 149 rushing yards on the day, to put the

game beyond all reasonable doubt. The final score ended up being 38-26 in Alberta's favour.

While Morris certainly was pleased with his team's result, he noted that comeback wins aren't possible every week.

"If you continue to only play at half of your ability at the beginning of games, somebody is going to be able to finish it before you can get going," Morris said. "When you play against really good teams, they aren't going to just keep leaving doors open for you."

Next up in the schedule, the Bears travel to Calgary this Thursday to clash with the Dinos, who are tied with Alberta atop the standings in Canada West after beating Manitoba 46-38 on Friday. This is a matchup that hasn't been kind to the Bears in recent years, as last year's 71-3 wallop would attest. Even though the Dinos would eventually forfeit that game due to the use of an ineligible player, the Bears surely still would have lost that game with or without that player in Calgary's starting lineup.

Before last year's forfeit win, which was actually a 71-3 loss on the field, the Bears hadn't beaten Calgary since 2008, a span of six games. Morris acknowledged that Calgary is a good team, but was more focused on his own team preparation.

"That's a good team down there (in Calgary)," Morris noted. "We're going to do our best to come up with a good game plan, and go down there and compete every snap, and see what happens."

It's not often that these two teams meet on such level terms, as Alberta hasn't made the playoffs since 2009, and Calgary has made it every year since 2006. The two teams will be meeting with first place in Canada West on the line, and there's sure to be a lot of energy in McMahon Stadium Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the Huskies return home with their tails between their legs to face inter-province rivals Regina, who are also 0-2 after dropping their game against the UBC Thunderbirds this past weekend.

### ALBERTA

#### OFFENCE

PASSING	RUSHING	TOTAL
4th - 289.0 YPG	2nd - 228.5 YPG	3rd - 517.5 YPG

#### OFFENSIVE LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
Ben Kopczynski	Ed Ilnicki	Jimmy Ralph
578 YDS / 4 TD / 2 INT	239 YDS / 3 TD	217 YDS / 1 TD

#### DEFENCE

PASSING	RUSHING	TOTAL
5th - 327.0 YPG	3rd - 193.0 YPG	3rd - 520.0 YPG

#### DEFENSIVE LEADERS

TACKLES	SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS
Tak Landry - 19	Jacob Narbonne - 1	Foster, Ralph, Knox - 1

### CALGARY

#### OFFENCE

PASSING	RUSHING	TOTAL
5th - 287.0 YPG	1st - 290.5 YPG	1st - 577.5 YPG

#### OFFENSIVE LEADERS

PASSING	RUSHING	RECEIVING
Andrew Buckley	Mercer Timmis	Rashaun Simonise
546 YDS / 1 TD / 0 INT	213 YDS / 5 TD	160 YDS / 1 TD

#### DEFENCE

PASSING	RUSHING	TOTAL
2nd - 265.0 YPG	1st - 35.0 YPG	1st - 300.0 YPG

#### DEFENSIVE LEADERS

TACKLES	SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS
Doctor Cassama - 11.5	Robinson, McGough, Teitz, Wade - 1	Robert Woodson - 2



## Serena Williams is still dominant despite loss

Jason Shergill

SPORTS STAFF

While in the midst of a career year and on the verge of a run that would have even more firmly placed her as the greatest women's tennis player of all time, Serena Williams left the US Open empty-handed as she was stunned in the semifinal in a three-set defeat to the unranked Roberta Vinci.

Before this weekend, she held a 33-match winning streak in major competitions, but could not overcome what Vinci called the best day of her life. Vinci went on to lose in the final in a one-sided affair to her countrywoman, 26th seed Italian Flavia Pennetta. After the match Pennetta announced her plans to retire at the end of the year, but it still seems all attention remains on Serena Williams.

Entering the tournament, the tennis world was abuzz, prematurely anointing 2015 as 'the year of Serena', as this year's US Open merely seemed inevitable. She had

already won the three previous US Opens and was an overwhelming favourite for a fourth. Having won the previous four grand slam events dating back to the 2014 US Open, Serena was chasing history. A win would have made her the fourth woman in tennis history to complete the grand slam (winning all four major tournaments in the same year), as well as put her career major total in a tie with Steffi Graf for the most in women's open era.

While this historic upset serves as a sobering moment for Serena, she will still sit safely atop the Women's Tennis Association rankings, and is expected to match and surpass Steffi Graf's major record within the next year. It is this degree of dominance, semifinal loss notwithstanding, that Williams has shown in the last couple of years that makes her cementing of herself as the greatest women's tennis player of all time a question of when and not if. Despite being

33 years old (for perspective, that is the same age as Pennetta, who is now retiring), Serena is at the top of her game, winning 4 consecutive majors for the first time in her career and holding a record of 48-2 in 2015.

The concluding of the US Open also marks the end of Tennis' major season, but come January when the Australian Open comes, there will be tremendous media attention on Williams once again as she chases Steffi Graf's record. As well, next year she should have another chance at a record in the Olympics with the chance at most medals in Olympic tennis. In short, while she may be at the centre of the world of sports many times of the next year, you can count on it being because she broke yet another record, or the most astonishing thing in tennis happens, which is when someone manages to beat Serena Williams (or of course if her relationship with Drake is a real thing, but that's not really tennis related).



**STILL ON TOP** Despite her upset loss, Serena Williams remains one of the most dominant athletes in her sport.

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## Other dominant athletes over the years

Zach Borutski

SPORTS EDITOR • @ZACHSPRETTYCOOL

Even though many people have crowned Serena Williams the most dominant athlete, these other athletes might have something to say about it.

**Ronda Rousey:** The athlete that Serena Williams gets compared to the most often, and the most dominant women's fighter in the UFC by a healthy margin, Rousey had put her stamp on the UFC women's division since her arrival in 2012. Rousey's record currently sits at 12-0, with all of her either ending via submission or knockout. She owns the record for quickest defeat in UFC history, submitting Cat Zingano via armbar in just 14 seconds. If there's one knock against Rousey's dominance however, it's that she doesn't face to high level of competition that Serena Williams does, as the UFC women's division is not deep in terms of talented fighters.

**Barry Bonds:** Even though baseball is a team sport, Barry Bonds was essentially a one-man team in the early 2000's, forcing teams to entirely plan around facing him. Often, these at bats would end with

walks, and often, they would end in home runs. Bonds set records for most career home runs and walks, and also won eight gold gloves in recognition of his excellent defensive play. We could throw numbers at you all day, but all you really need to do is look at his 2001 season to get a sense of how dominant he was: 73 home runs (a seasonal record), 177 walks, (also a seasonal record), and a .515 on base percentage. To put that into perspective, that year Bonds had a 51.5 per cent chance to reach base whenever he was at the plate. When you consider that the average on base percentage that year was .332, Bonds' season looks even better. Of course, the giant asterisk hovering over his entire career is the steroid controversy. Since 2003, Bonds had been caught up in the steroid scandal that took over baseball at that time. Despite this, he is still one of the greatest baseball players of all time, steroids or not.

**Wayne Gretzky:** There will never be another hockey player like Wayne Gretzky, literally. He was so revered by the league that his number 99 was retired after he played his final game, and now no

other NHL player will ever wear it. Gretzky was very similar to Bonds in that he put up numbers that fans had never really seen before – 92 goals in a season, 163 assists in a season, these are both single season records that are unlikely to ever be broken. Gretzky also holds the all time record for points in a season, with 215. But if there's one stat that put Gretzky's dominance into perspective, it's this: Gretzky had more assists (1963) than the NHL's second all time leading scorer had points (1887).

**Tiger Woods:** At one point, Tiger was considered one of the greatest golfers on the planet, and looked like a sure bet to pass Jack Nicklaus' record for all time major tournament wins with 18. During the early 2000's, Woods spent a record 264 straight weeks as the world's top ranked golfer. Woods also became the first golfer since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six consecutive tournaments, one of which was the 2000 US Open. Once considered a lock to break Jack Nicklaus' major wins record with 18, Woods currently sits at 14, and is nowhere near the dominant form he showed earlier in his career.

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# Bears soccer rolls, while the Pandas struggle to open season

Pandas soccer falls victim to two quick goals in a draw against Thompson Rivers, while the Bears dominate Lethbridge to open their season

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The Pandas soccer team opened their season on a slightly disappointing note this past Friday, earning a drawn against the underdogs from Thompson Rivers University.

The draw came as a surprise, but it could have been much worse, as Alberta saw their 1-0 lead turn into a 2-1 deficit within a five-minute span near the end of the game. The tying goal was conceded in the 75th minute, and then Thompson Rivers went ahead in 78th on a nifty lob shot from forward Jaydene Radu, who accounted for all of Thompson Rivers' offence in the game, and also leads Canada West with four goals early in the season.

Luckily for the Pandas, Jamie Pasemko came to the rescue in the 85th minute, converting off a corner kick to tie the game back up. Despite some solid pressure late, the game ended in a 2-2 draw.

Head coach Liz Jepsen noted that there was a certain amount of disappointment associated with the draw.

"We didn't manage our game very well," Jepsen said. "Having those two goals scored on us wasn't ideal."

Despite that, Jepsen said she was impressed that the Pandas were able to steel themselves and come up with the late tying goal.

"(Our team) really had to fight, really had to grind it out to put the ball in the net," she said. "Mistakes are going to happen, breakdowns are going to happen, but it's what you do in response that shows your true character."

Thankfully for the Pandas, there was a quick turnaround in the Sunday game against the UBC Okanagan Heat, which they were



INCOMING! Pandas midfielder Jamie Pasemko gets up for a header against Thompson Rivers.

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able to win 2-1.

Like the first game, the Pandas jumped out to a lead, the goal coming courtesy of second year forward Karissa McNutt. Also like the first game however, the opponents were able to tie the game, as the Heat equalized in first half injury time.

Unlike the game against Thompson Rivers, the Pandas were

able to claw ahead and stay there, benefitting from a 59th minute goal from 2013 Canada West MVP Julia Ignacio.

Jepsen spoke about the Pandas notably better execution against the Heat.

"The girls showed that that could really lock it down at the end of the game, which is what we failed to do on the Friday prior," Jepsen said.

"The last 20 minutes of the game, the girls really knew how gritty you have to be to have a win when it's a one goal difference against good players."

Jepsen also spoke about how despite the less than ideal results, this weekend was a good learning experience for the Pandas.

"You have to play 90 minutes, and you can't have mental breakdowns,"

# U of A Pandas rugby has optimistic outlook towards 2015 season

**Alyssa Demers**  
SPORTS WRITER

After a disappointing finish to the 2014 season, one where they fell short of a CIS National Championship, the Pandas Rugby Team is gearing up for the 2015 season.

Opening the regular season against the Calgary Dinos next Sunday, head coach Matthew Parrish feels like this game will be a constructive opportunity for the team.

"We've played them in the final for the last three years. So it is a little different opening up against them," Parrish said. "It'll allow us to see where we're at and make changes."

The Pandas concluded their 2014 regular season with a 19-15 loss against Calgary heading into Canada West playoffs, however, this loss proved to be a learning experience for the squad, as Parrish pointed out.

"The biggest thing last year was losing that game against Calgary because it showed us what we needed to do to beat them in the final," Parrish said. "Sometimes losing teaches you more than winning. If you win you perceive everything to be good but when you lose you look through the game with a more critical lens."

Although the regular season will take place on the road with no home games until the Canada West Championship at Ellerslie Rugby Club Oct. 23-25, the Pandas played their first preseason game in three years against the University of Victoria on

Thursday, Sept 3. Parrish viewed this preseason game as a valuable start to the season, and the overwhelming fan presence reminded the team of the paramount support at the University of Alberta and in Edmonton.

**"If you win you perceive everything to be good, but when you lose, you look through the game with a more critical lens."**

MATT PARRISH  
PANDAS RUGBY COACH

"We didn't advertise it at all but we ended up having more than 100 people there," he said. "I didn't think there would be more than 20. We always get good support at home."

The result was an encouraging one for the Pandas as well, as they secured a 43-22 victory against the Vikes.

Last weekend, the squad headed to The Garrison Army Base for a weekend of team building, fitness and fundamental skills. Parrish says it integrates the rookies and ultimately gives a chance for the team to get to know each other and feel a part of the team. In 2014, the Pandas lost 10 starting players, which resulted in a year of rebuilding and integrating players into key positions. However, Parrish

viewed this hurdle as a success.

"Last year was a tough year, but in reflection, we actually exceeded my goal, which was to get to Nationals," he stated. "The big difference with this year is that, in 2014, we lost a lot of those key, decision-making positions — the Scrumhalf, Flyhalf, Number 8 — whereas this year, we've kept all of those players and they will be another year older, wiser, stronger," Parrish said.

"Our expectation is to always make it to nationals. But this year we will have a lot of girls that have already experienced being starters. All those games in 2014 at Nationals were all fairly close—so now we'll know how to finish off those games; that's the big difference this year,"

Parrish concluded, setting his sights early on the CIS National Championship.

Overall Parrish is optimistic about this season, yet acknowledges the dedication and hard work the Pandas will undergo to win this year's national title.

"Due to the success of our program, we always go in with high expectations. It's going to be an exciting season and I feel like we have a team that is capable of winning the whole thing. It's a nice thing as a coach to know we have the talent. It's just a matter of getting out there and performing well."

The Pandas open their season in Calgary against the Dinos on Sept. 20.



SCRUMMING IT UP The quest for nationals begins for the Pandas this Sunday. JOEL MALINA

Jepsen said. "You've got to know that if you make a mistake in Canada West, you will pay."

The Pandas will hit the road for their first games away from Foote Field this year, playing the UBC Thunderbirds on Sept. 18, and the Victoria Vikes Sept. 19, two teams that they did not play in the regular season last year. Victoria will be looking for their first win of the young season, as their record currently sits at 0-2-1, the most recent loss coming against defending champs Trinity Western.

UBC, meanwhile, is coming off their first loss of the season against the Fraser Valley Cascades.

The Golden Bears soccer team also opened up their season this past weekend, playing two road games against the Lethbridge Pronghorns and the Saskatchewan Huskies. Unlike the Pandas, the Bears had a loss free weekend, crushing the Pronghorns 6-1 on Friday on the back of a hat trick from fifth year Mohamed Teliani, and scraping out a 3-2 win against the Huskies on Sunday.

The game against the Huskies was a back and forth affair, with the Bears leading 2-0 at one point, only to have Saskatchewan rally back and tie the game 2-2. The big goal came from Niko Jankovic in the 78th minute, and it put the Bears up for good. The men now have an off weekend, and return to the pitch for their home opener against the Mount Royal Cougars on Sept. 26, and will follow that up with a against the Calgary Dinos on Sept. 27. Mount Royal is currently undefeated, as they swept their two games against the Winipeg Wesmen this past weekend, while Calgary has yet to play a game this season, and will open their season this upcoming weekend against the Lethbridge Pronghorns.



# Getting involved in motorsports may be easier than you think

Jason Timmons

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Local racers took to the track this weekend as the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club (NASCC) hosted its fifth and final race event of the season at Castrol Raceway. This season's final race proved to be one of the most exciting of the season.

Racers came from all over the province to test their merit on the track in wheel-to-wheel competition. Sorted into classes based on car weight and displacement, the drivers battled it out amongst their classes for prestige, bragging rights, and prizes.

Despite the inherently dangerous nature of wheel-to-wheel racing, safety is the number one priority among the NASCC and the greater racing community. Resources such as on-site ambulance crews, motorsport response teams, and volunteer track workers ensure that all racers and spectators experience only the highest levels of safety.

In the event of a consequential driver error or mechanical malfunction, the Canadian Motorsport Response Team is on site to help. Acting fast to remove any broken or damaged cars from the track and ensuring the safety and health of the drivers involved.

It truly does take a village to raise a racing event, as a multitude of parties are necessary for a successful event to go off without a hitch. The group involved that participates purely out of love for the sport is the group that also needs the most recognition. The corner workers used to communicate pressing information to

the drivers are a quintessentially important aspect of the event, without which the races simply couldn't go on.

People come for the adrenaline rush and stay for the community. Racing attracts a truly dedicated and passionate group of men and women who have put years of work in to the progression of the sport. Racing, as a sport, rewards its participants with more than just podiums.

Most racers get their start in competitive driving through increasingly common lapping events in which drivers are given the opportunity to test their cars on a racetrack without the competitive aspect. Sean Lin, a long-time car fanatic and seasoned racecar driver mentioned that his start sprouted from the days when the Edmonton Indy was the city's premier racing event.

**"I've loved racing all my life, I'd never had the time (or) the money. Fortunately (now), I've been able to play a little instead of just watching it."**

KEVIN ROBERTSON  
RACING ENTHUSIAST

"Once I started a lapping at the Indy and saw the wheel-to-wheel racing, I decided I wanted to get into that," he says.

Lin isn't alone when it comes to the humble beginnings of many racecar drivers; a large majority of racers begin their careers sim-

ply wanting to drive their street car a little faster. Making the responsible choice to fuel this desire at a sanction event paves the way for many casual enthusiasts to become full-blown racers within a few short years.

Others are out at the track fulfilling lifelong dreams of becoming racers, realizable only after years of hard work and saving money towards the goal of one day owning a racecar. Kevin Robertson, lapping enthusiast and rookie racer, commented that only in recent years has he been able to achieve his racing dreams.

"I've loved racing all my life, I'd never had the time [or] the money. Fortunately [now] I've been able to play a little instead of just watching it," he says.

Racing attracts a truly dedicated and passionate group of men and women who have put years of work into the progression of the sport. Racing rewards its participants with more than just podiums, it's an experience like no other that allows those involved to feel indescribable excitement and a true sense of community. Friendships forged on the tarmac while duking it out for first place are seldom forgotten.

Racing doesn't have to be an expensive hobby. The most basic of race cars can be purchased or created on a shoestring budget as long as safety is the top priority. If you're willing to put the time and effort in, you could be out on the track fighting for first during the next season of NASCC racing events. For more information on racing, lapping, and the motorsport community, visit [nascc.ab.ca](http://nascc.ab.ca)



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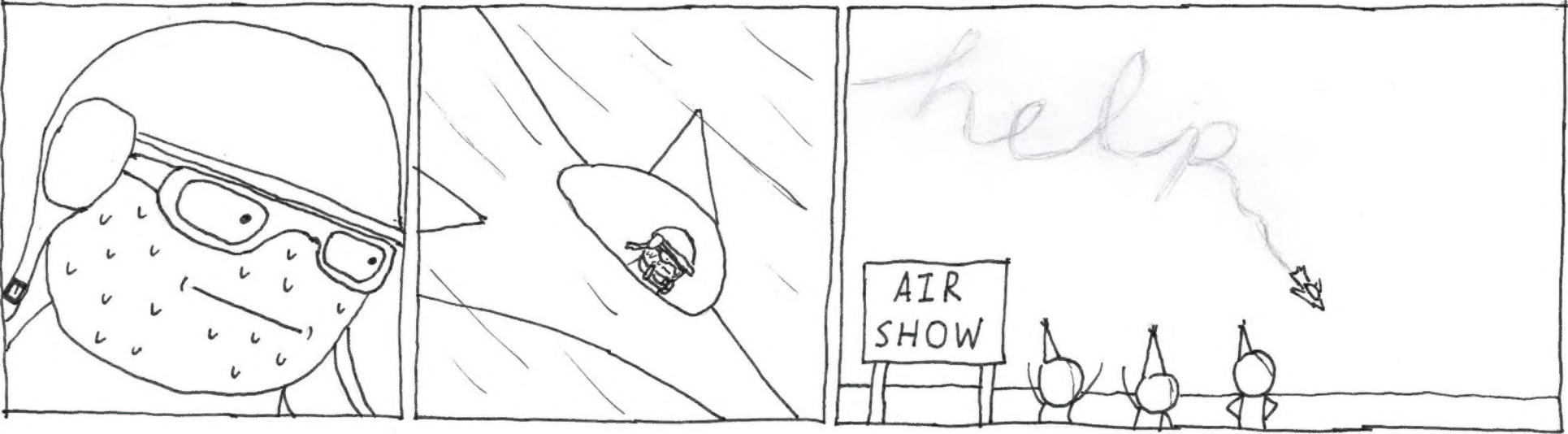
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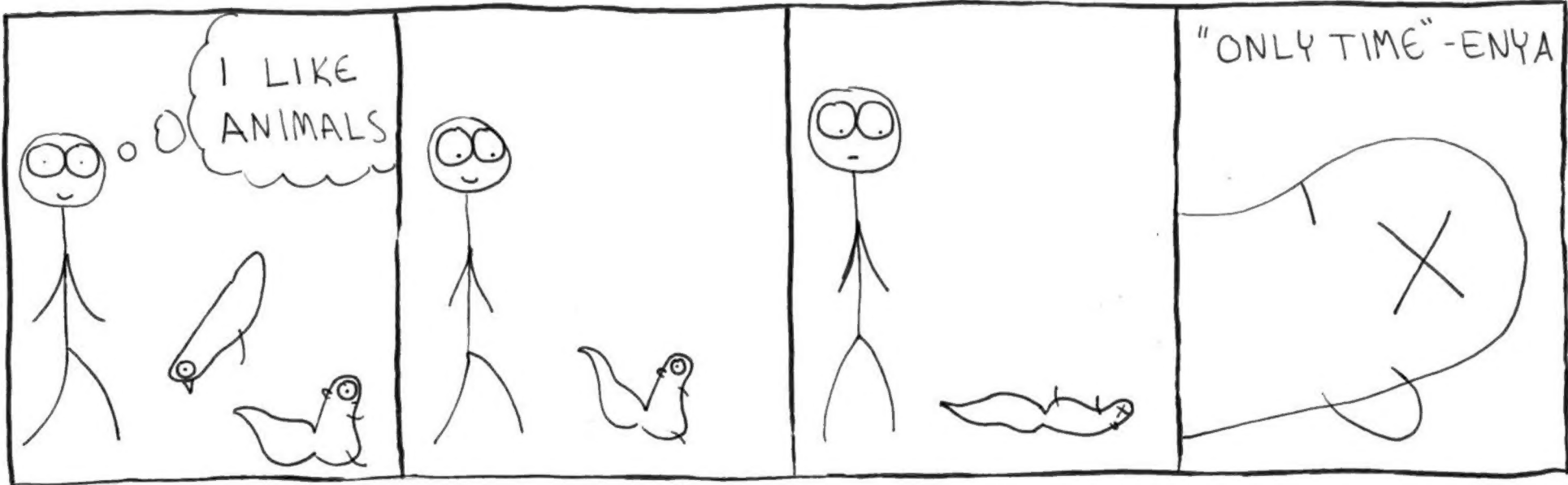
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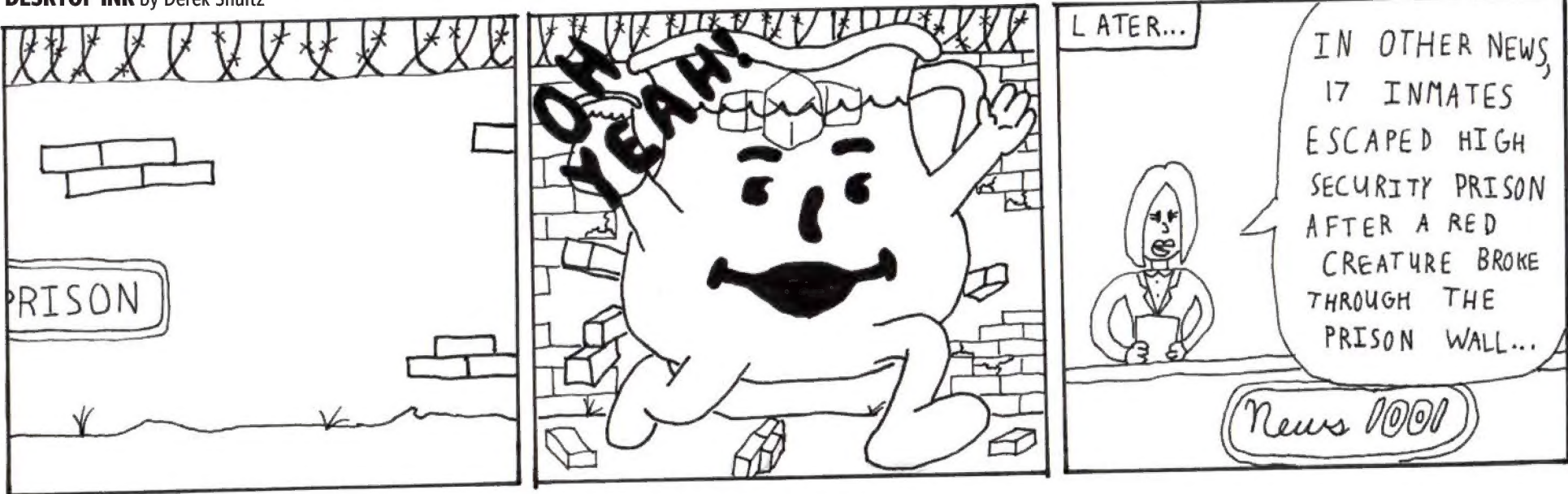
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**Sept 23**

**Rainbow Peers Meeting** \ 4pm-5:30pm \ The Landing, 0-68A lower level SUB

**Inside/OUT film screening of *Valentine Road*** on behalf of the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights \ 5pm-6pm \ 129 Education South

**Sept 24**

**The Landing's Launch BBQ with OUTreach** \ 12pm-1pm \ outside SUB

**The Landing & Gender-Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP) Launch** \ 4pm-7pm \ Social Street, PAW Centre

**Sept 25**

**OUTreach Mixer with inQUEERies** \ 7pm onward \ The Buckingham - 10439 Whyte Ave

**Sept 26**

**Return to The Roost: The Grad You Never Had** hosted by the Pride Alumni Chapter \ 7:30pm-midnight \ Room at the Top (RATT), 7th Floor SUB

Have an event to include? That's great! E-mail details to [cdaberer@ualberta.ca](mailto:cdaberer@ualberta.ca)







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